

**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING
EDUCATION**

MINUTES OF MEETING

OPEN SESSION

June 14, 2010

The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:30 am on the above date in room 401, Department of Health, three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law, so called, and other applicable sections of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island as amended.

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING

Jeannine Borozny, RN

Genevieve Rodrigues, LPN

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Carol Cairns, RN

Kristen Young, RN

Linda Damon, RN,MS

Michelle Cahill, LPN

Manuella Reposa

Anne Tierney, RN, CRNA, Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Peggy Matteson, RN, PhD

Michael Gerhardt

Carol Cairns RN, MS

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Pamela McCue, RN, MS Director

Linda Tetu Mouradjian, RN, Compliance Officer

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Ms Leasca called the meeting to order at 8:35 am. A quorum was established at this time.

2. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF May 10, 20120

On motion of Ms Borozny, and seconded by Ms Rosa it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes of May 10, 2010.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms Leasca reported to the Board that Ms Twardowski was recognized

and named School Nurse of the Year by her professional association. The Board offered Ms Twardowski congratulations on the prestigious award.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms McCue reported to the Board that the 2010 General Assembly session ended. Ms McCue informed the status of the following bills that the Board was following during the session:

- The bill to expand the scope of nursing assistants to include administration of medications including injection medication. This bill did not pass out of committee.**
- The bill that would have allowed judges to require ignition interlock devices for offenders convicted of driving under the influence. This bill passed the House Judiciary committee but did not make it to the House floor for a vote.**
- The bill that would have included a new nursing simulation building for URI and RIC located in the knowledge district. This bill did not pass and will not be included on the November ballot as a bond issue. However the Board of Higher Education is still very interested in pursuing the funding for this building.**
- The bill that would have consolidated state agencies that provide any health related service including the Health Department under one "super state agency". This bill was never voted out of the House Finance Committee.**

Ms McCue informed the Board that a request had come from UNAP

regarding a new care delivery module that Rhode Island Hospital Emergency Department was instituting. Representatives from UNAP presented to the Department job descriptions and a concern that the new position of a “ Patient Care Technician II (PCT II) “ described the role of a licensed nurse and that the intent of the hospital was to employ unlicensed individuals such as medical students and nursing students. After discussion and deliberation that included questions to RIH, the

Department of Health made a determination that the job description for a PCT II did not describe tasks that would need to be performed by a licensed nurse and that a competently trained individual would be appropriate.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ruth Ricciarelli, Executive Director for the Center for Health Professions announced that the centralized clinical rotations registry has developed a common online orientation that may be accessed for by all nursing students and faculty. Hospital specific information can be accessed through the online orientation also. All acute care facilities are participating. Faculty was very supportive. She stated that there was almost 5,000 students in clinical placements. Preceptors are also tracked in the registry.

Ms Damon, announced that she has been selected as a delegate to the ANA House of Delegates to be held in June. She will be representing the RI State Nurses Association

6. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Ms Megerdichian, seconded by Ms Cahill, it was unanimously voted to move into Executive Session pursuant to 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws for the discussion of job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees and for discussion of investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. The Open Session adjourned at 9:10 am.

8. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS

Ms Leasca called the Open Session back to order at 9:30 am.

9. VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS OF 42-46-5 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS

On motion of Ms Rodrigues, seconded by Ms Megerdichian , it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in the Executive Session and to seal those minutes in as much as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

10. PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS

The Board voted the following final actions

Lisa Baptista, LPN – Reprimand

Rosemarie Piette, LPN -Reprimand

11. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms Borozny, and seconded by Ms Rose, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 4pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Anne Tierney, RN, CRNA, Secretary